

RESOLUTION No. 5—H. F. No. 739

A resolution memorializing the President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Congress of the United States to enter into agreements with members of the European Common Market and other countries which will encourage a greater flow of agricultural commodities into these countries and to resist any attempts to barter away existing favorable trade advantages which agricultural products may now enjoy.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has passed legislation permitting the President and members of the executive branch of the United States to negotiate with the Common Market for freer interchange of goods under the Trade Expansion Act and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the export of agricultural products to the countries of the Common Market amounted to net earnings of approximately one billion dollars in fiscal year 1962; and

WHEREAS, net earnings from the export of industrial products of the United States to the countries of the Common Market have been less than one-fifth of this amount in the same period; and

WHEREAS, Western Europe is America's best dollar market for farm products. The six common market countries: France, West Germany, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg; buy one-third of all United States exports sold for dollars; and

WHEREAS, there could be great pressure from the producers of industrial products to gain an advantage for their products at the expense of the agricultural products of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota is a large exporter of agricultural products and therefore is vitally concerned in the proper administration of this trade program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the President and the members of the executive branch who are responsible for negotiation with the Common Market and the Congress be requested to provide adequate safeguards to the fullest extent possible for the free flow of agricultural commodities without restrictive tariffs, trade barriers, unreasonable and unnecessary regulations and inspections which tend to react unfavorably against the agricultural imports by these countries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State is instructed to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the United States

Secretary of Agriculture, the United States Secretary of Commerce, and each member of the United States Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved April 3, 1963.

RESOLUTION No. 6—H. F. No. 1072

A resolution memorializing Congress to establish a Central Information Agency regarding the levels of Strontium 90 and Iodine 131.

WHEREAS, atomic testing has made the levels of Strontium 90 and Iodine 131 a matter of national concern; and

WHEREAS, the possible effect of large amounts of Strontium 90 and Iodine 131 on children and expectant mothers makes it imperative that a source of information on such matters be established to furnish such information to farmers, doctors, and others concerned with the problem; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence that many Minnesota farmers received information different from that received by farmers in our neighboring states during 1962, which resulted in Minnesota farmers going to considerable expense to supply dry food for their milk producing cattle, while the same was not requested of farmers in neighboring states; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that a Central Information Agency established by the Federal Government to furnish information regarding the levels of Strontium 90 and Iodine 131, be designated as the sole authority to establish standards for fallout and other radio-contaminants of the environment as they relate to health and safety, without singling out the word "milk" in the terminology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Secretary of Agriculture, and all members of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation to Congress.

Approved May 6, 1963.
